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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : PFOR, TC, MU
SUBJECT : VISIT OF MUSANDAM IRRIDENTISTS

1. EMBASSY WAS VISITED ON MAY 24 BY SHAIKH AHMAD RASHID AL-MALIK, WHO CLAIMS TO BE PARAMOUNT SHAIKH OF MUSADAM PENINSULA, AND AHMAD HASSAN ALI AL-SHAYHI, ONE OF CHIEFS OF SHIHU TRIBE IN MUSANDAM, TO ASK FOR US SUPPORT FOR THEIR ASPIRATIONS TO JOIN MUSANDAM PENINSULA TO UAE AND TO SECEDE FROM OMAN. VISITORS WALKED INTO THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, THE GUARD BELIEVING THEY WANTED CONSULAR ASSISTANCE, BUT ENDED UP IN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

2. AFTER EXPLAINING PURPOSE THEIR CALL, VISITORS ASKED TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR. I INSTRUCTED ADMIN OFFICER TO SAY AMBASSADOR UNAVAILABLE. VISITORS ALSO TOLD THAT THIS WAS A MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH BETWEEN UAE AND OMAN AND NOT UNITED STATES. BOTH VISITORS TOLD ADMIN OFFICER THEY ARE IN SELF-IMPOSED EXILE AND LIVING IN RAS AL-KHAIMAH ALONG WITH 5,000 OTHER EXILES. THEY ALSO SAID THEY HAD SPOKEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD SUWAIDI, WHO HAD TOLD THEM THAT UAE DID NOT WANT TO ROCK BOAT WITH OMAN, BUT THEY ALLEGED SUWAIDI WOULD SUPPORT THEM "THROUGH THE BACK DOOR". BE-
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FORE LEAVING, THEY LEFT COPIES OF OLD CORRESPONDENCE IN ARABIC WHICH DATE BACK SOME 35 YEARS REGARDING INSURGENCIES IN THE MUSANDAM, WHICH BEAR THE SEAL OF LATE SULTAN BIN TIMUR BIN FAISAL (I BELIEVE GRANDFATHER OF SULTAN QABUS) AND FROM A BRITISH LT. COL. (NAME UNDECIPHERABLE), DEPUTY POLITICAL RESIDENT, TO THE RULER OF NAJA WARNING THE SULTAN OF OMAN WILL TAKE ACTION IF RULER'S SUBJECTS DO NOT END THEIR DISTUR-

BANCES.

3. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, AMBASSADOR AND DCM INTEND
ESCHEW ANY CONTACT WITH OMANI EXILES EVEN THROUGH WE EXPECT
THEY WILL TRY COME BACK TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.
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